



The European Commission invites health stakeholders to submit proposals for a new cycle of Thematic Networks under the [EU Health Policy Platform](#) framework.

Thematic Networks are created for stakeholder organisations to collaborate and produce a Joint Statement on a specific issue. The statement summarises their position and proposes actions in one of the following public health areas:

- 1. Climate change and health, particularly heat stress or building health system capacity**
- 2. Life-time approach to prevention with stakeholders contributing to a comprehensive and multi-sectorial approach on healthy longevity**
- 3. Unlocking the power of artificial intelligence against cancer**

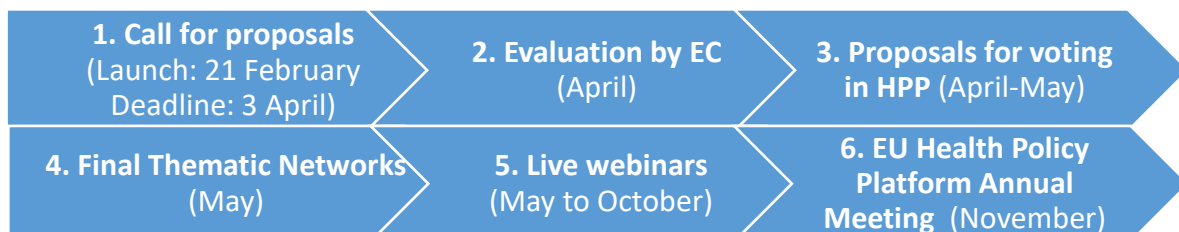
The European Commission may also consider proposals from other health policy areas if stakeholders provide sound reasons and evidence.

The Thematic Networks encourage the stakeholders' community to join forces and carry out activities/initiatives in synergy with those carried out by the Commission and the Member States. For this reason, proposals addressed by Thematic Networks should be in line with the EU health policy agenda.

Joint Statements should reflect the current available information on their relevant subjects and are the intellectual property of the organisation leading the Thematic Network; the European Commission is not responsible for their content nor bound in any way to respond to the proposals made. Preparing the Joint Statements is solely the responsibility of the organisations involved. No EU funding is provided for this call, although the EU Health Policy Platform team is available at no cost to the Thematic Networks to help organise and promote the necessary meetings/webinars, share presentations and results.

What does the Thematic Networks cycle look like?

Early April, the European Commission will evaluate the proposals received for each topic and will make a preliminary selection by end of April at the latest that will be open for vote in the Agora network of the EU Health Policy Platform. The top three proposals by number of votes will be selected to participate in the final 2024 Thematic Networks



cycle.

The organisations leading them will organise a series of webinars, with assistance from the EU Health Policy Platform team, to present their proposals, provide updates and ask for support and collaboration throughout the cycle. The final Joint Statements will then be presented by the Network leaders at the EU Health Policy Platform Annual Meeting in November.

How can you apply?

1. **Become a member of the EU Health Policy Platform – Thematic Network leaders must be eligible to register:** <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/hpf/>

The **EU Health Policy Platform** is a collaborative online tool that makes it easy for European Commission services, health-related interest groups and stakeholders to communicate with each other. Members may participate in different networks, share their latest news with others and get a roundup of the latest EU health policy updates in a bi-weekly newsletter.

Registering takes only a few minutes. Use or create your EU login and fill in the registration form. See this [user guide](#) for more information. You will receive a confirmation email as soon as your registration request has been processed.

Find all the Joint Statements produced since 2016 in the library of the Agora network, in the EU Health Policy Platform.

2. **Prepare a summary of your proposal (maximum 3 pages) in English:**

- ✓ State the leading organisation clearly and provide a contact person's details.
- ✓ Include the scope of your future Joint Statement.
- ✓ Explain the relevance of your proposal for the selected area and the possible synergy with ongoing or planned EU actions on health in the European Union.
- ✓ State your objectives and how you will reach them.
- ✓ List your possible network and partners involved (you can include logos if you wish).
- ✓ Explain the format (i.e. factsheet, social media/web content, joint paper, etc) you will use for your Joint Statement and how it will be disseminated, both during the drafting phase and when will be finalised and ready to be shared more widely.

3. **Send your proposal to the email address:** SANTE-HPP@ec.europa.eu

Deadline to submit your proposal is 3 April 2024, 23.59 CEST, Brussels time

Still unsure if you should submit your proposal? Contact us!

Testimonials - In the [Study assessing the EU Health Policy Platform](#), former Thematic Network participants reported that they had benefited from having taken part and that the experience helped to promote their work and address health issues they were most concerned about.